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## To Our Patrons All Over The World

### GREETINGS:

We are happy to again send you what we consider a list of Dahlias that might well be termed "Cream of the Dahlia World." If you do not find a variety you are particularly interested in write us, we may grow it but not in sufficient quantities to list it. During the past season we tried out many NEW varieties and have listed those we thought deserved a place on the exhibition table.

We thank our customers for their continued patronage and assure them that **Glenden Gardens** will do their utmost to merit a continuance.

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### VISIT OUR GARDENS AND SEE SOME OF THE NEW ONES FOR NINETEEN FORTY

#### **GLENDEN GLORY, I. D. (1939)**

A huge flower of great depth, color is ruby red and the flower can easily be grown to a diameter of twelve inches and over. The immense blooms on long, stiff stems with dark green foliage face you. Centers are perfect and hold until frost. Plants medium tall and vigorous growers. A bloom of this Dahlia cut when it was two-thirds out and put in water lived for ten days.

**Roots, \$10.00, Plants, \$5.00**

**AMERICA'S SWEETHEART I. D. (Nunneville)**

—An immense size dahlia very outstanding among the new introductions. Color is pure yellow without a particle of shading. Even the outer petals do not fade out like those in most dahlias. Many of the petals are double serrated, and curl and twist as the bloom develops. They fold back to the stem, reminding one of a huge chrysanthemum. This dahlia has carried away many prizes. **Don't miss this one.**

**Roots. \$2.00, Plants, \$1.00**

**AMERICA PURITY (American D. F.), S-C, 1937,**

**Bloom  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x 8, Bush  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft.** This variety won in the Undisseminated Semi-Cactus Classes in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Chicago, also an American Home Achievement Medal at Chicago. It is fine, large, deep white on strong, erect stems. Its substance and keeping qualities make it an ideal exhibition dahlia. Foliage clean, and a good root maker.

**Roots, \$5.00, Plants, \$2.00**



**AURORA, F. ID. (1939 Salem).** The runner-up for the Achievement Medal at Camden in the hottest class of Seedlings ever shown in the East. It is rose pink overlaid wax yellow, which gives it a peach pink appearance. It is a beautiful dahlia and is greatly enhanced under artificial light. It is an 11 to 13 inch bloom on a stiff stem, the bush is very hardy and grows six feet high.

**Root, \$15.00; Plants, \$7.50**

**ANDREE BAYSSELLANCE. S.C. (1938)** A beautiful dahlia from HOLLAND, the color of this large flowering semi-cactus is apricot with fiery red. Very attractive. Flowers erect on nice long stems, and a good keeper when cut.

**Roots, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.00**

**BALLEGO'S SURPRISE, S. C. (Ballego)**—With us this was the most beautiful of all white dahlias. The formation is not unlike the now very popular Frau O. Bracht, of which it is a seedling. The blooms are a trifle larger than the parent, and stems a little better. One of the most prolific bloomers in our garden, and with fine keeping qualities. This will meet with instant favor.

**Roots, \$2.00, Plants, \$1.00**

**BLUE RIVER F. D.** It is formal decorative, a blue French violet, the nearest to a blue dahlia that we have ever seen. It never fails to grow. It has won many prizes. It was best formal in Section B at the recent N. Y. Show.

**Roots, \$2.00, Plants, \$1.00**



**BRILLIANT LADY. ID. (1939 Salem).** A bright reddish French purple reflexed silver. Many of the outer petals twist, showing the silver which adds to its attractiveness. Blooms are 11 to 12 inches and very deep, while the stems are extra long and straight. The bush is hardy, very clean growing and it reaches a height of six feet. We also won with this dahlia at Baltimore as the best ID. Seedling.

**Roots, 15.00; Plants, 7.50**

**BLACK KNIGHT I. D.** (Kemp)—The name of this dahlia ought to be sufficient to give you an idea of the color. Dark velvety maroon, almost black. The flowers are of great size, often up to 14 inches in diameter. Plant has a wonderful branching habit, and a very tall bush.

**Roots only, \$1.00**

**CALIFORNIA IDOL** (Ballay-Success). I. D. **Bloom 12 x 7, Bush 4½ ft.** Clear lemon yellow. This dahlia is comparable to Lord of Autumn, not as informal but producing more blooms usually facing upwards. It is very deep with full high centers.

**Roots, \$2.00**

**CLARA CARDER.** (Kemp) 1936. ID. **10-12ins. x 5 ins. deep. Bush 4-4½ ft.** Almost a border line dahlia between formal and informal decorative. Color, a cyclamen pink with flush of yellow at the base that lights the entire flower. Blooms are produced in great profusion from early season till cut down by frost. Very good stems make this dahlia ideal for staging at shows or for decorative purposes.

**Roots, \$1.50; Plants, \$ .75**

**CORDELIA, S. C.** Salem Dahlia Garden 1937. A glistening phlox pink semi-cactus bloom of medium size, 9-10 inches, on an absolutely straight and stiff stem. Excellent for both cutting and exhibition.

**Roots, \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50**

**DAVID COPPERFIELD, I. D.** (Salem Dahlia Gardens). These blooms also have great depth and very high centers, and although the petals are rather broad, blooms are not at all coarse when fully developed. They are violet purple in color sprinkled with something akin to stardust. The blooms stand staunchly on straight stems on bushes seven feet tall.

J. W. Jonhston in Dahlia Futurity in "House Beautiful," says: "Several rows of this variety, Ripley and Greater Glory in the originator's garden viewed one Sunday in early October, left us almost breathless."

**Roots, \$4.00; Plants, \$2.00**

**DIRECTEUR PLUMCOCQ** (I. D.) "Pezant"—Color rich old gold shaded brown without any other tints. The blooms last a long time on the plant and in water, and are held at a forty-five degree angle on strong cane-like stems, high and well above the foliage, are borne in the greatest of profusion from early until very late in the season. The foliage is large thick and leathery, the kind that not even grasshoppers will bother with. The plant is of extra-ordinary vigor and well in harmony with the huge flower.

**Plants, \$2.00**

**DARCY SAINSBURY. F.D.** A huge white from Australia and a real champion. Waxy like driven snow blooms that attract everyone. Vigorous and prolific and we recommend this as a good white.

**Plants: \$1.50**



**EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE..I. D. (1939 Salem).**

A rose Pink bloom without the faintest trace of lavender. It is very large and can easily be grown over a foot across. The petals fall back to the stems giving the bloom tremendous depth. The stem is good and the bush is very rugged, and it attains a height of six feet. Winner of the highest award in the seedling class at Detroit.

**Root, \$20.00; Plants, \$10.00**

**FRAU O'BRACHT (Berger S. C.), Bloom 9 x 4½,**

**Bush 5 ft.** This fine dahlia has made a host of friends in this country. It is a wonderful cut flower as well as a great prize winner, keeping well and holding blooms on fine stems. A clean-cut, straight-petaled Semi-Cactus. Color, a clear, light primrose yellow. A. D. S. Cert. It is just about the prettiest yellow Cactus or Semi-Cactus dahlia you can wish for.

**Roots, \$1.00**

**FREDA GEORGE, I.D. (Australia)**—One of the most delightful flowers it has been our privilege to grow. The color is helio and cream, and one has to see it to fully understand the delicate color. The blooms are large on wonderful stems. One of the very best.

**Roots, \$4.00; Plants \$2.00**



**GLAMOUR, ID. (1939 Salem).** An immense true purple deeply edged amaranth pink. Something entirely different from any existing; as the bloom develops the petals fall back to the stem giving it great depth. Many of the blooms are almost ball shape. It has been grown 14x11 inches, and we believe it can be grown larger. It has a perfectly and exceedingly stiff stem. The bush grows six feet high and is very hardy. Insects do not seem to bother it. We showed this dahlia at Baltimore against some very strong competition and won the American Home Achievement Medal.

**Root, \$20.00; Plants, \$10.00**

**GLENDEN'S BEACON. I.D. (1939)** This much admired dahlia is very striking bright scarlet with a buff reflex, giving a two-tone effect. A free early bloomer with sturdy stems, as the bloom develops the petals fall back to the stem giving it great depth, many of the blooms are almost ball shape.

**Roots, \$7.50; Plants, \$3.75**

**GRAND SLAM, S. C. (Jones-Hulin)**—True type Semi-Cactus that is a real beauty to look at and to grow. The color is very striking, being tyrian rose, citron yellow and amaranth pink. The bushes are medium tall with lots of good size blooms. To get best results it should be pinched back and the crown bud removed.

**Roots, \$2.00**



**GREATER GLORY, Cac., Salem Dahlia Gardens.**

Upon first opening the bloom may be classed as semi-cactus, but as it develops many of the petals curl and twist and it is decidedly cactus. The color is a deep rose pink, but occasionally a bloom will show some deep cream in the center. Bush is very vigorous and grows six to seven feet tall. It is one of the most beautiful and artistic dahlias ever originated, of immense size on very long straight stems. Winner of eleven first prizes at National, Central States and other leading shows; also A. D. S. Medal. An undefeated champion.

**Roots, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.00**

**HERITAGE, I. D.-S. C., 1937. Salem Dahlia**

Gardens. Immense blooms of violet purple suffused true purple on long stems. Height of bush six feet, very prolific bloomer. Different soils and growing conditions may change the type of this dahlia. This seedling, with America's Sweetheart, won the O. V. D. A. Medal as the best basket in the Atlanta, Ga., Show. You certainly will be pleased with this giant.

**Roots, \$3.00**

**HUNT'S VELVET WONDER** The attractive broad petaled blooms are huge and have good, full centers and great depth. The flowers of deep rosy magenta blending into a true purple are well proportioned with large dark green foliage.

**Roots, \$1.50; Plants, \$.75**

**ISELBERG S.C. (1938)** If you are looking for a good garden flower with long stems for cutting try this. Color pure salmon pink, suffusing delicate cream to the charming center. Good keeper when cut.

**Plants, \$2.00**

**JANE COWL** (Downs I.D.), **Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 5½ ft.** This wonderful dahlia has been a success wherever grown, Color, a warm buff and old gold, blending to apricot and rose at the center. Bush growth is ideal with strong stems holding the giant flowers upright A dahlia that is sure to please you, for it is large and impressive. A. D. S. Certificate.

**Roots, \$ .35**

**JEAN PARTURET:** (Inc. Cac.). The blooms of this variety average eight to nine inches and are very deep. The petals are long, narrow, and slightly in-curved. Color, a brilliant yellow. They are held facing sideways on extremely rigid stems. An exceptional and very prolific bloomer, and strong, vigorous grower.

**Roots, \$2.00; Plants \$1.00**

**KATHLEEN NORRIS** This outstanding exhibition dahlia is a true rose pink, deepening to mallow pink, with central petals a lighter shade. Petals are broad and overlap each other. Blooms are held erect on long, strong stems. This dahlia to do its best should not be planted before June 15th, or if planted early should be topped rather severely about the middle of July.

**Roots, \$ .50**

**KITTY MAC—I. D.** Here is another sensational dahlia of exceptional merit. The color is a reddish purple (Petunia Purple). Flowers are 10 to 12 inches in diameter, and 6 to 7 inches in depth, and are held facing upward on stems as rigid as a cane

**Roots, \$1.00**

**LEIDEN'S ORANGE I.D. Beautiful shaped medium sized flowers.** A vivid orange-scarlet free flowering one of the best in orange. Very good cut flower with long stems.

**Roots, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00**

**MARGRACE—I.D. (Bissell) 1936.** 8-11 ins., 4-7 ins. deep. 4½-5 ft. high. Brilliant scarlet, tipped and striped gold. In hot weather the gold is not so prominent. Large full centered blooms held well on long stiff stems.

**Plants, \$1.25**

**MARY RITZER**—S.C., e. g, blooms large and perfect form, plants medium to tall, stems and foliage fine. A sport of Edna Ferber; color pink without shading.

**Roots, \$1.50; Plants. \$ .75**

**MASCOTTE. S.C.** A great dahlia, at night the ends of the petals curve in to the center and resembles a huge mum. Color carmine pink with yellow center.

**Plants. \$1.00**

**MID WEST CHAMPION** (American D. F.), I. D., 1936, Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 4 ft. Brilliant violet rose with yellow shadings at base of petals. According to Rideway's color chart this would be a Listeran Purple. Plant growth and stems are ideal with heavy insect-resisting foliage.

**Roots, \$1.50**

**MISS OAKLAND** (Oakleigh-Lakeside 85-E), FD, 1937, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 4½ ft. There are several good whites being introduced, and we believe this one is the best Formal white. Long erect stems and leathery, insect-resistant foliage. Certified at East Lansing in 1935 and at Storrs in 1936.

**Roots, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.50**

**MOTHER MAYTROT**. (Berwick-Dahliadel). 1937, ID. 10-11 ins. x 6-7 ins. deep; 5 ft. tall. This outstanding artistic white informal decorative of large size and good depth is an early and consistently profuse bloomer. It is not tempermental, but a good grower with healthy, dark green foliage, strong erect stems, and remarkable keeping qualities. Among the first to bloom, it will be a winner, in its class, on the exhibition table. Named for that grand old lady, the mother of Warren W. Maytrott.

**Roots, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.00**

**MRS. GEORGE LE BOUTILLIER** (Ruschmohr I. D.), 1935, Bloom 10 x 5, Bush 5 ft. As an exhibition dahlia this variety did considerable winning last season and has been shown 14½ inches in diameter. It has given Murphy's Masterpiece plenty of competition as it is quite similar in form and also a red, but this one is described as a carmine red.

**Roots, \$1.50; Plants, \$ .75**

**MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE** — ID. (Murphy), Blooms large, plants medium. Deep dark red shading toward crimson. Stems and foliage splendid. The world's greatest red. Consistent prize winner because of size and form, but beautiful for garden purposes.

**Roots, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00**

**ORIENTAL GLORY, I.D.** (Schwartz)—Large glowing orange on good stiff stems. The bush is rather low but the blooms are well up and good.

**Roots, \$ .50**

**PIUS X1. F.D.** Papal yellow flowers, regularly curved petals immaculately white edged. The neat flowers have always filled centers. A 100% cut flower.

**Roots, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00**

**PREMIERS EXQUISITE I.C. (1939)** A beautiful incurved pink cactus. Blooms orchid shading to rose pink at center, 7 x 5 inches, blooms with well developed centers held on long, graceful stems, flowers 5 to 7 inches above the upper leaves. Rich in color, very prolific. Each plant bearing large number of blooms.

**Plants, \$3.50**

**PREMIERS MAJESTIC I.D. (1938)** A large formal dec. of beautiful new color, combination salmon gold and mulberry. A profuse bloomer of large deep flowers, having cane-like stems. Foliage hard and insect resistant. This dahlia was a certificate winner at five trial gardens.

**Plants, \$3.00**

**PREMIERS WINSOME I. D. (1939)** This is a very nice pink informal, decorative and easy to grow, giving massive blooms in great abundance. Will grow naturally 11 x 6 inches. Stems slender, but very strong, foliage heavy, leathery, resistant to insects and mildew.

**Plants, \$5.00**

**PRIDE OF AMERICA.** (American Dahlia Farm).  
**1936. S.C. 10-12 ins. x 6-7 ins. deep; 5 ft. tall.**  
A beautiful clear primrose yellow semi-cactus showing a tinge of pink on the reverse. The splendid form of the flower whose petals fold nearly back to the stem, make it the most sensational semi-cactus.

**Roots, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00**

**RED SALUTE, F. D.** (Salem Dahlia Gardens)  
Bright Scarlet: Petals fall back to the stem and terminate with serrated tips. Large blooms on long stems with dark green foliage. Good, free bloomer and good habits. Also has insect-resisting foliage. Has been a prize winner in the last year's shows, and we feel sure everyone will enjoy growing this Dahlia.

**Roots, \$7.50; Plants, \$2.50**



**ROBT. L. RIPLEY, I. D.** (Salem Dahlia Gardens).

Rhodamine purple with deep rose pink suffusions throughout the entire bloom. It is immense in size. Stems are straight and strong. The bush is vigorous and grows to a height of six feet. It won many first prizes at both National Shows, Chicago and other exhibitions. Created a sensation wherever shown. It has wonderful substance and keeping qualities and will develop a full flower from a cut bud not even showing color. King Features Syndicate in "Believe It or Not" Cartoon by Ripley, portrays Robt. L. Ripley as the "largest dahlia grown."

**Roots, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.00**

**ROYAL PURCHASE, Cac.** (Nunnerviller)—This variety is one of the few of American origin in this class. Long pointed petals of straw yellow and blend of pink. The flower is quite large on long stems and of good keeping quality. Winner of many prizes the past season.

**Roots, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00**

**RUD. KIPLING, F. D.** (Salem Dahlia Gardens).

Blooms do not grow quite so large, only 9-11 inches, but they attracted as much attention in our gardens the past season as any other variety, on account of their wonderful color and stiff stems. The color is very deep rose with shadings of ashes of rose. Proflic bloomer of medium height. A variety worthy of its name.

**Roots, \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50**

**SON OF SATAN—S. C.** (Slocum). This sturdy Son of the well-known variety SATAN has created a sensation wherever shown. Its very large brilliantly colored scarlet red blooms, long stiff stems, and tall sturdy growing plants are sufficient to recommend it to the most discriminate grower.

**Roots, \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50**

**SULTAN OF HILLCREST** (Scott F. D.), **Bloom 11 x 6, Bush 3 ft.** This unique form with the petals recurving to the stem attracts one's attention. Huge blooms of lemon yellow with reverse of rosy pink on strong stems, giving an unusual color effect. A dahlia for the largest bloom class. Certified at Storrs.

**Roots, \$1.00**

**WAR ADMIRAL, I. D. 1938.** (Salem Dahlia Gardens). Apricot with a rosy pink reverse; petals slightly twisted and of good substance. Straight, stiff stems hold the large blooms perfectly upright.

**Roots, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.00**

**WHITE ABUNDANCE** (Ballego) **Informal Decorative—1935.** This dahlia comes to us well recommended and with many awards to its credit. Especially noteworthy is the award of merit at Wisley, England, 1935. Flowers of beautiful waxy white are held well out of the foliage on strong, erect stems. Fine for cutting and exhibiting. Received first class certificates at Haarlem and Amsterdam, Holland, also at Brussels, Belgium.

**Roots, \$1.50; Plants, \$ .75**

**YOWU-MATSUOKA S. to I.C. (1938)** A giant dark carmine straight to incurved cactus. This dahlia was most attractive this past year, and won its share of prizes, and heartily recommend it as a very valuable addition to any garden.

**Plants, \$2.50**

### Key to Dahlias

C—Cactus    I.C.—Incurved Cactus    F.D.—Formal  
S.C.—Semi-Cactus    I.D.—Informal Decorative

### FERTILIZING

In general it is not wise to fertilize dahlias at planting. In case this is done take care that fertilizer does not come in contact with or near to the tuber or plant.

First, plant in good productive soil, Second, see that the soil contains each season a good portion of humus. Rye sowed each fall after dahlias are dug and spaded or plowed under when of suitable height in the spring will liven the soil and provide some humus. Well rotted manure is good and should be applied in the fall or winter, never in the spring.

Avoid all chemical fertilizers. Be sure to use the old-fashioned mixed type of commercial fertilizers. This should be applied starting in July at two week intervals, spreading between the plants and raking or cultivating into the top soil. Twenty-five pounds per season for 100 dahlias is about right. Bone meal and wood ashes mixed with the fertilizer is excellent.

For run down soil we recommend rotted manure and the fertilizer top dressings as described below. Fresh manure of any kind should never be used.



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